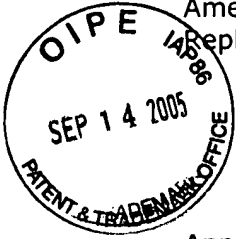


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Responsive to the Final Office Action dated **June 17, 2005**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page       of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page **2** of this paper.
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- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page       of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page       of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **9** of this paper.